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REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (p) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
Filed on or after June 8, 1999.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/557,282
Filing Date	April 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	A.K. Ananthapadmanabhan
Group Art Unit	Donald L. Storm
Examiner Name	2654
Attorney Docket Number	000275

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(f) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the grace period adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50093 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14663 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gac. Pat. Off. 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which contained RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
iii. Other Consider the response previously filed on February 24, 2004
b. Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. *(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)*
b. Other

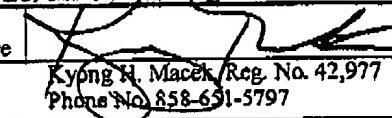
3. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 which the RCE is filed.*

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.
i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117)
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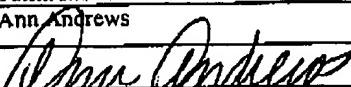
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